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Applicant: Troy David Armstrong et al. Art Unit: 2182
Serial No.: 09/456,211 Examiner: Joshua D. Schneider
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For: FAIR ELEVATOR SCHEDULING ALGORITHM FOR DIRECT ACCESS STORAGE DEVICE

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated September 10, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are provided:

Amendments

In the Drawings

Proposed corrections to Figs. 2 and 3 are enclosed, with the proposed corrections circled in red. Applicants respectfully request consideration and approval of the proposed corrections, and formal drawings incorporating these corrections are being submitted herewith under separate cover.

REMARKS

This paper is submitted in reply to the Office Action dated September 10, 2002, within the three-month period for response. Reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims are respectfully requested.

In the subject Office Action, the Drawings were rejected as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(4), and specifically regarding the reference characters "54," "56," "60," and "62" of Fig. 2 as all being used to designate entries in a queue; reference "10" as being used to designate both a computer system in Fig. 1 and a computer system with

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